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men, and Commonalty of the City of London.

GENTLEMEN,

**Y**OU are now going to Encourage the Lighting the City of LONDON, it's hoped you will take the same Care of your Incorporated Members and other Artists, as the Parliament hath already done of all their Majesties Subjects in this Case: It was propos'd to the Parliament that the Lamp-Lights might be established, but wholly rejected for Reasons hereafter mentioned.

First, By establishing the Lamps we make it a Monopoly, and by that means shall destroy some part of the Glasiers Trade; who for many years have made Glass-Lights; and great part of the Horners Trade; and great part of the Tallow-Chandlers Trade, and wholly destroy Mr. Vernattys Lights, which by abundance of People are well approved of. This would also put a stop to all Ingenious Men to think no more for a Publick Good, when it's possible there might be Lights yet found out much better then what is already.

Therefore it was thought reasonable by both Houses of Parliament, that no Trade should be spoiled, and that no Artist should be discouraged and destroyed, and that every Body might make their Interest as well as they can,

Thus upon due Consideration did Enact all sorts of Lanthorns, and all sorts of Lamps should be used, such as the Subjects should think fit to agree for: Which Clause is in these words;

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Householder within any of the Parishes in the County of Middlesex and Surry, and City and Liberties of Westminster, comprised within the weekly Bills of Mortality, whose House adjoyns unto, or is near the Street, from Michaelmas unto our Lady-Day yearly, shall every Night set or hang out Candles or Lights in Lanthorns on the outside of the House next the Street, to Enlighten the same for the Conveyance of Passengers from time to time, as it shall grow Dark, until Twelve of the Clock in the Night upon pain to forfeit the Sum of Two shillings for every Default: Excepting such Person or Persons as shall agree to make use of Lamps of any sort, to be placed at such Distances in the Street as shall be approved of by two or more Justices of the Peace.*

It's therefore humbly hoped, That the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons in Common-Council assembled, will consider the welfare of the Publick, and prefer that before any peculiar Interest. Certainly the City will never settle Monopoly's when the Parliament have thought fit not to do it. The Proprietors of the *New-River-Water* could never yet get an Act of Parliament that no other Water should be used in *London*, least they make it a Monopoly; but that all other Waters that are useful for the City, or elsewhere, the Subjects have power to agree for what sort of Waters they please; so by Consequence for what sort of Lights they please, when the End of the Law is no more but the Streets well Lighted.

Gentlemen, you ought to be informed of the good usage you are like to have from the Proprietors of the Lamp-Lights; they are by Leases bound to Light on *Michaelmas* Night, if dark, on which we had no Lights at all; and on the 30th of *Septemb.* the Night following, several Streets not lighted at all, and those Streets that were lighted, most part of the Lamps out before Nine at night. It's true, they tell you they have made bottom Glasses to give light underneath, but it's doubted not to their Advantage nor the Publick, for the Streets are worse lighted now then ever; and pray, Gentlemen, what Moneys do they save by these little Neglects, as they call them. It's the Opinion of several Judicious Men, that they ought to be fined two shillings *per* House for every Night not lighted by them, being the same Sum they expect from each House that neglects to put out Lights.